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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPRS/PBOR/SGEN/MX

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ACT TO CONSTRUCT FENCE ALONG BORDER

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA DISCUSSED WITH ME THIS MORNING  
PROBLEM RAISED BY PRESS REPORTS ON BUILDING OF FENCE  
ALONG US-MEXICAN BORDER. HE SAID HE THOUGHT HE HAD LAID  
THIS PROBLEM TO REST WITH HIS TALK WITH ACTING SECRETARY  
IN WASHINGTON AND HIS SUBSEQUENT PRESS STATEMENT BUT THAT  
UNFORTUNATELY THEREAFTER EXCELSIOR HAD PICKED UP HIGHLY  
INFLAMMATORY NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT AND  
HE NOW FELT OBLIGED TO MAKE ANOTHER STATEMENT FROM HERE  
ON THE SAME TOPIC WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING VERY  
DISAGREEABLE OVERTONES. HE SAID HE INTENDED TO SAY THAT  
HE HAD RAISED

THIS ISSUE WITH ME AND ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION  
AND WOULD ADD THAT I WAS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO CONVEY A REPLY TO HIM. SINCE THIS  
IS PRECISELY OUR INTENTION ANYWAY, I TOLD HIM THIS WAS  
AGREEABLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE AS TO WHAT CAN BE SAID TO RABASA ON THIS TOPIC.  
I TOLD HIM MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT  
OUR INTENTION TO BUILD A 2000-MILE WALL BUT THAT CERTAINLY  
CERTAIN MEASURES OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WERE IMPORTANT  
NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BUT ALSO  
WITH DRUG TRAFFIC WHOSE CONTROL IS SO VITAL AND ALSO IN  
SMUGGLING TRAFFIC WHICH IS OF CONCERN TO OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS.

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2. COMMENT: IT IS REGRETTABLE THIS ISSUE HAS BECOME  
DIFFICULT HERE JUST NOW BUT NATURALLY IT WILL BE DESIRABLE  
TO CONVEY TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS  
POSSIBLE SINCE I BELIEVE THAT TRUTH EVEN IF IT DOES HAVE  
SOME OF DISAGREEABLE OVERTONES MENTIONED BY RABASA  
SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE I  
WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE GIVEN  
TO RABASA IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY CONVEYED BY THE  
ACTING SECRETARY.

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